



Transformative Climate Communities

Community-led transformation for equitable California cities



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Program funds community-led development and infrastructure projects that achieve major environmental, health and economic benefits in California's most disadvantaged communities. Funded by California's Cap-and-Trade Program, TCC empowers the communities most impacted by pollution to choose their own goals, strategies and projects to enact transformational change – all with data-driven milestones and measurable outcomes.

In its first year, and through a competitive process, the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) will award grants to three recipients in three locations, including \$70 million in Fresno, \$35 million in Los Angeles, and \$35 million in a third location.

TRANSFORMATIVE REQUIREMENTS

- » Develop an Indicator Tracking Plan for greenhouse gas emission (GHG) reductions, community benefits, and other indicators
- » Implement strategies to avoid displacement of households and small businesses
- » Ensure community engagement in all phases of plan development and implementation
- » Leverage at least 50% of grant award
- » Advance climate adaptation and resiliency



WHAT DOES TCC FUND?

TCC's unique, place-based strategy for reducing GHG emissions is to catalyze collective impact through a combination of community-driven climate projects in a single neighborhood. Projects must reduce GHG emissions significantly over time, leverage additional funding sources, and provide additional health, environmental and economic benefits.

PROJECT EXAMPLES INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- » Affordable and sustainable housing developments
- » Transit stations and facilities
- » Bicycle and car share programs
- » Residential weatherization and solar projects
- » Water-energy efficiency installations
- » Urban greening projects
- » Bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- » Low-carbon transit vehicles and clean vehicle rebates

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

A diverse range of community, business and local government stakeholders must form a Collaborative Stakeholder Structure to develop a shared vision of transformation for their community. This may include:

- » Community-based organizations
- » Local governments
- » Nonprofit organizations
- » Philanthropic organizations and foundations
- » Faith-based organizations
- » Coalitions or associations of nonprofit organizations
- » Community development finance institutions
- » Community development corporations
- » Joint powers authorities
- » Tribal governments

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HOW WILL OUTCOMES BE TRACKED AND MONITORED?

Outcomes for each award will be monitored through tracking of GHG emissions reductions and co-benefit indicators. The GHG quantification methodology is certified by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and co-benefit indicators are based on the health, environmental and economic goals identified by the applicant at the grant's onset.

WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?

The TCC program will generate substantial GHG and criteria air pollutant reductions, numerous environmental and public health benefits, and high quality jobs for local residents. Staff from the SGC and the Department of Conservation will partner with local organizations to provide assistance throughout the grant term, ensuring that the impacts of these investments resonate in the community for generations to come.